

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Elmer Leroy "Bud" Estes was born on January 29, 1920, to Hugh and Charlotte (Lundring) Estes at Wall, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Bud married Patricia Hansen Estes and to that union four children were born: Dawna Rae, Douglas Lee, Doyle Dean, and James Richard, and they blessed their parents with nine grandchildren; and,

Whereas, In 1970, Bud and Patty purchased the Badlands Lodge, the very building where Bud was born, and operated it as a tourist lodge; and,

Whereas, Bud and Patty were married for 62 years until her death in 2003, and Bud later married Zetha Drew; and,

Whereas, Bud will observe his 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State